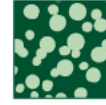




CITY OF MITCHAM



Overhanging Vegetation from Private Property

Does your garden overhang the Council footway, roadway or prevent your neighbour seeing out of their driveway when backing out onto the street?

Council receives many complaints each year about trees, shrubs and groundcovers overhanging the footways and public space. Many residents and visitors to the City find it difficult to walk along the footways because of overhanging vegetation. In particular, people with vision or mobility problems, mothers with children or those just going for a walk.

Under Section 254 of the Local Government Act, 1999 (hazards on lands adjoining a public place) Council can request the vegetation be cut back.

Failure to comply with a request could result in Council pruning back the vegetation and invoicing the owner of the property to recoup the costs.

Some tips to help you get started:

- When planting near property boundaries allow enough space for the plants to grow so they do not require regular pruning.
- The whole of the footway should be kept clear at all times.
- Vertical clearance should be 2.5m over the footway and 4.5m over the roadway.
- Do not leave sharp branch stumps overhanging the footway these can also cause injury.
- Prune hedges regularly.
- When you prune in winter make sure you allow for the rain which can weigh down the branches and make them lower.
- Prune groundcovers off the footway regularly.

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